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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 9-15 (canceled).

1. (Original) A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a reel around which a magnetic tape is wound;

a cartridge case which houses said reel in a locked position;

a release pad for releasing locking of said reel; and

a cup-like hub of said reel in which said release pad is mounted,

wherein a plurality of guide holes for allowing a plurality of lock release pins to penetrate

therein, which extend from the lower surface of said release pad, are made in the periphery of a

base plate of said cup-like hub, and a plurality of pairs of guide ribs, which are capable of

guiding said plurality of lock release pins to said plurality of guide holes, stand inside said cup-

like hub corresponding to said plurality of guide holes.

The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the gap of each of said

pairs of guide ribs is enlarged in a direction of the approach of each said lock release pin so that

each of said pairs of guide ribs may guide each said lock release pin to each said guide hole

smoothly.

The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein each said guide rib 3. (Original)

projects from the base plate of said cup-like hub.

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4. (Original) The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 1, wherein each said guide rib

projects from the base plate and a cylindrical wall of said cup-like hub, lying across the former

and the latter.

5. (Original) A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a reel around which a magnetic tape is wound;

a cartridge case which houses said reel in a locked position;

a release pad for releasing locking of said reel; and

a cup-like hub of said reel in which said release pad is mounted, said release pad

comprising:

a main pad which possesses a plurality of corners facing the inner surface of a cylindrical

wall of said cup-like hub; and

a plurality of lock release pins which extend from the lower surfaces of the corners of

said main pad and penetrate a base plate of said cup-like hub,

wherein the inner circumference of a flange, which is placed on the opening side of said cup-like

hub, overhangs the inner surface of a cylindrical wall of said cup-like hub and a plurality of

cutouts are provided on the inner circumference of said flange, which permit each corner of said

release pad to pass in an approximately horizontal position in the axial direction of said reel.

6. (Original) The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 5, wherein each said cutout is

located so that each said cutout faces each guide hole made on the base plate of said cup-like hub

for each said lock release pin to penetrate.

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7. (Original) A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a cup-like hub; and

a reel in which parts of the magnetic tape cartridge are mounted near the inner surface of

a cylindrical wall of the cup-like hub,

wherein said reel comprises:

an upper flanged hub in which an upper flange is integrally molded with the end of an

opening of said cup-like hub; and

a lower flange which is fixed to a base plate of said cup-like hub.

8. (Original) A magnetic tape cartridge comprising:

a cup-like hub; and

a reel in which parts of the magnetic tape cartridge are mounted near the inner surface of

a cylindrical wall of the cup-like hub,

wherein said reel comprises:

a lower flanged hub in which a lower flange of a disk-like plate is integrally molded with

the outer circumference of a base plate of said cup-like hub; and

an upper flange of a disk-like plate which is fixed on the end of an opening of said cup-

like hub,

wherein a fitting rib for centering said upper flange with said lower flanged hub projects

from said upper flange around the inner circumference, and the inner diameter of the end of the

opening of said cup-like hub is increased by reducing the thickness of the wall of said cup-like

hub in order to provide a fitting portion with which said fitting rib is mated.

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